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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text of a letter dated 11 April 1993 addressed to you by the President of the Azerbaijani Republic, Mr. Abulfaz Elchibey, regarding the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 6 April 1993 (S/25539).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 11 April 1993 from the President of the Azerbaijani Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

In Azerbaijan, we welcome the fact that the Security Council has complied with our request that it convene an urgent meeting to consider aggression by the Republic of Armenia in the Lachin, Kelbajar and other districts of Azerbaijan.

We have carefully studied the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 6 April 1993 (S/25539) and we are pleased that, for the first time in a Security Council document, the Council has expressed its serious concern at the latest events in the region and has demanded the immediate withdrawal of Armenian armed forces from the occupied territories.

It is extremely important that the Security Council continue to take this resolute approach in its future decisions, especially since, as the latest developments have shown, Armenia's appetite for aggression is increasing. This is confirmed by the broadening of the direction of attacks by the Armenian armed forces currently concentrated in the occupied districts of Azerbaijan. The Fizuli, Djebrail, Kubadly and Zangelan districts, with an overall population of more than 200,000, are under threat of capture.

We are convinced that the facts that the Secretary-General includes in the report that he is currently preparing will provide the Security Council with grounds for adopting a resolution qualifying Armenia's actions as aggression against sovereign Azerbaijan, demanding the immediate withdrawal of Armenian armed forces from all captured Azerbaijani territories and warning that, if Armenia failed to comply with the resolution, the Council might impose sanctions under the Charter of the United Nations.

We hope that Armenia's violation of the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan will be perceived as a challenge to the new world order.

Azerbaijani authorities are providing, and will continue to provide, comprehensive assistance to the head of the United Nations Interim Office at Baku, Mr. Mahmoud Al-Said, and to local representatives of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in their efforts to collect facts confirming Armenia's aggression and transmit them to the Secretary-General.

(Signed) Abulfaz ELCHIBEY